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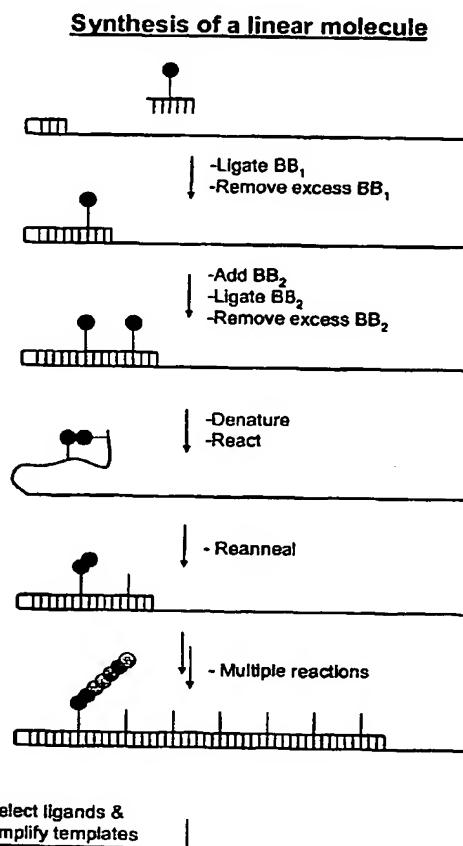
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(54) Title: LIGATIONAL ENCODING OF SMALL MOLECULES



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for synthesising a bifunctional complex comprising an encoded molecule and an identifier polynucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, said method comprising the steps of i) providing a) at least one template comprising one or more codons capable of hybridising to an anti-codon, wherein said template is optionally associated with one or more chemical entities, and b) a plurality of building blocks each comprising an anti-codon associated with one or more chemical entities, and ii) hybridising the anti-codon of one or more of the provided building blocks to the template, iii) covalently linking said anti-codons and/or linking the at least one template with the anti-codon of at least one building block, thereby generating an identifier polynucleotide capable of identifying chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, iv) separating the template from one or more of the anti-codons hybridised thereto, thereby generating an at least partly single stranded identifier polynucleotide associated with a plurality of chemical entities, v) generating a bifunctional complex comprising an encoded molecule and an identifier polynucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, wherein said encoded molecule is generated by reacting at least two of said plurality of chemical entities associated with the identifier polynucleotide, and wherein said at least two chemical entities are provided by separate building blocks.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-123)-complete, (133-136,153-198,200-204)-partially

A method for synthesising a bifunctional complex comprising an encoded molecule and an identifier polynucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, said method comprising the steps of (i) providing a) at least one template comprising one or more codons capable of hybridising to an anti-codon, wherein said template is optionally associated with one or more chemical entities, and b) a plurality of building blocks each comprising an anti-codon associated with one or more chemical entities, and (ii) hybridising the anti-codon of one or more of the provided building blocks to the template, (iii) covalently linking said anti-codon and/or linking the at least one template with the anti-codon of at least one building block, thereby generating an identifier polynucleotide capable of identifying chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, (iv) separating the template from one or more of the anti-codon hybridised thereto, thereby generating an at least partly single stranded identifier polynucleotide associated with a plurality of chemical entities, (v) generating a bifunctional complex comprising an encoded molecule and an identifier polynucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, wherein said encoded molecule is generated by reacting at least two of said plurality of chemical entities associated with the identifier polynucleotide, wherein said at least two chemical entities are provided by separate building blocks;

2. claims: (124-129)-complete, (132-136,153-198,200-204)-partially

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A method of synthesising one or more bifunctional complexes each comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities and an identifier polynucleotide identifying one or more of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, said method comprising the steps of (i) providing a plurality of building blocks each comprising an oligonucleotide associated with one or more chemical entities, (ii) providing at least one connector oligonucleotide capable of hybridising with one or more building block oligonucleotides, (iii) immobilising at least one building block to a solid support, (iv) hybridising said immobilized building block oligonucleotide to a first connector oligonucleotide, (v) hybridising at least one additional building block oligonucleotide to said first connector oligonucleotide, (vi) ligating building block oligonucleotides hybridised to the connector oligonucleotide, (vii) separating the connector polynucleotide from the ligated building block oligonucleotides, (viii) reacting one or more chemical entities associated with different building block oligonucleotides, thereby obtaining a first bifunctional complex comprising a first molecule or first molecule precursor linked to a first identifier oligonucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule or molecule precursor, wherein said first bifunctional complex is immobilized to a solid support;

3. claims: (130-131)-complete, (132-136,153-198,200-204)-partially

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

A method for synthesising a bifunctional complex comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities, wherein said molecule is linked to an identifier polynucleotide identifying one or more of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, said method comprising the steps of (i) providing a plurality of building blocks selected from the group consisting of a) building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide linked to one or more chemical entities, b) building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide linked to one or more reactive groups, c) building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide comprising a spacer region, wherein said building blocks comprising a spacer region are preferably connector polynucleotides to which building blocks of group a) and b) can hybridise, (ii) generating a hybridisation complex comprising at least n building blocks by hybridising the identifier oligonucleotide one building block to the identifier oligonucleotide of at least one other building block, wherein is an integer of 4 or more, wherein at least 3 of said at least n building blocks comprise a chemical entity, wherein no single identifier oligonucleotide is hybridised to all of the remaining identifier oligonucleotides, wherein optionally at least one of said building blocks of group c) is immobilised to a solid support, thereby providing a handle to which an oligonucleotide of at least one building block of groups a) or b) can hybridise, iii) covalently linking identifier oligonucleotides of building blocks comprising one or more chemical entities, thereby obtaining an identifier polynucleotide comprising covalently linked chemical identifier oligonucleotides each associated with one or more chemical entities, (iv) optionally separating said identifier polynucleotide obtained in step (iv), from any immobilized connector oligonucleotide hybridised thereto, wherein said separation optionally comprises the step of diverting said identifier polynucleotide comprising covalently linked identifier to a different reaction compartment, thereby separating said identifier polynucleotide from said immobilised connector oligonucleotides, (v) reacting said at least 3 chemical entities linked to the identifier polynucleotide, and (vi) obtaining a bifunctional complex comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities.

4. claims: (137-152,205)-complete,
(133-136,153-198,200-205)-partially

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

A method for synthesising a bifunctional complex comprising an encoded molecule and a template coding for one or more chemical entities which have participated in the synthesis of the encoded molecule, the method comprising the steps of (i) providing a) a template comprising one or more codons, b) one or more building blocks having an anti-codon associated with a chemical entity, and c) a nucleic acid sequence associated with a reactive site, (ii) contacting the template with one or more building blocks under conditions allowing for hybridisation between codon and anti-codons, (iii) ligating at least one anticodon of a building block to the nucleic acid sequence associated with the reactive site, and (iv) reacting the chemical entity of the ligated building block with the reactive site under conditions where the ligation product is single stranded, to obtain a template-encoded reaction product;

5. claim: 199

A library of different complexes, each complex comprising an encoded molecule and a template, which has encoded the chemical entities which has participated in the synthesis thereof, said library being obtainable by processing a plurality of building blocks;

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